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Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Restriction Requirement dated December 13, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-11 and 17-23 and linking Claim 16 for examination without traverse. The Examiner has indicated that Claim 16 links inventions I and II.

Applicants hereby withdraw from consideration Group II represented by Claims 12-15 and 24-33.

Current Status of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.